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SUBJECT: GON POSITION ON ISVS FUNDING

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1. GON OFFICIAL, ELIZABETH BADON-GHIJBEN, NOT
SURPRISED AT US DECISION END FINANCING OF ISVS AFTER
FY 1975. SHE EXPRESSED REGRET AT DECISION, AND SAID
GON HOPED US WOULD FUND UNV PROGRAM AT HIGHER LEVEL.

2. IN DISCUSSION WITH EMBOFF, MISS BADON-GHIJBEN, WHO
WILL BE ATTENDING ISVS LIAISON COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL
MEETING IN GENEVA OCT 21-23, SAID GON PLANS FUND ISVS
FOR AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR. DUTCH CONTRIBUTION OF SWISS
FRANCS 91,000 THIS YEAR WILL BE RAISED TO 100,000 NEXT
YEAR. MISS BADON-GHIJBEN DESCRIBED INCREASE AS ONE OF
INFLATION CORRECTION.

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3. GON WOULD LIKE ISVS FOCUS MORE ON CLEARING HOUSE

FUNCTION, A ROLE THAT UNV DOES NOT HAVE. DUTCH WOULD LIKE SEE ONE ORGANIZATION CARRY OUT ALL VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES, BUT WOULD NOT WANT ANY ACTIVITIES TO BE DECREASED BECAUSE OF MERGER. IN THIS REGARD, BADON-GHIJBEN REITERATED HER HOPE THAT US WOULD INCREASE UNV CONTRIBUTION TO AMOUNT AT LEAST EQUAL TO WHAT US HAD PROVIDED TO BOTH ORGANIZATIONS PREVIOUSLY.

4. AT PRESENT, GON DOES NOT BELIEVE UNV CAPABLE OF TAKING OVER ALL ISVS FUNCTIONS. UNTIL UNV ATTAINS CAPABILITY, WHICH MISS BADON-GHIJBEN FELT COULD BE HASTENED IF US WOULD WORK THROUGH UNDP TOWARD THIS END, DUTCH PLAN CONTINUE FUNDING BOTH ISVS AND UNV. IN ADDITION TO CLEARING HOUSE FUNCTION, DUTCH WANT TO ENCOURAGE ISVS TO CONTINUE WORK WHICH ALREADY BEGUN REGARDING DOMESTIC VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS.

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